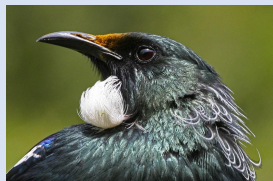


Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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SCHOOL KEY DATES:

Please check the TPS
calendar [here](#) for
updates.

Kia ora e te Tūi whānau,

Welcome to Term 4, 2023! We hope your family had a relaxing holiday break. A very warm welcome to our families who are new to TPS.

Reading and Writing

This term, Tūi learners will continue to have the first two hours of each day dedicated to Literacy. This term there are strong links to our Inquiry through Literacy. We will be focusing on narrative, information report, and persuasive writing structures. Spelling and Handwriting also continue to be taught. We are also looking forward to visiting the local library.

Maths

Learners will inquire into how the following concepts apply with hands on materials and real life situations: position and orientation, algebra, time and fractions. In addition, we will continue to support learners to develop their maths number knowledge, maths strategies and basic facts.

Athletics

On Wednesday afternoons, Tūi will participate in an Athletics rotation. We invite families to cheer learners on during Athletics Day in Week 8.

Swimming

We are very excited to get into the pool this term. Your child will need to bring a named pair of togs, towel and goggles (optional). All classes have two 30 minute sessions per week, focusing on building confidence and some water safety skills. The classes have swimming on the following days:

Monday - Tūi A and B

Tuesday - Tūi C and D

Wednesday - Tūi A and B

Thursday - Tūi C and E

Friday - Tūi D and E

Tūi learners also have the opportunity to swim during lunchtime on Tuesdays.

Inquiry

This term, the TPS big idea for our inquiry is **Water is a Treasure - He Tāonga te wai**. Tūi learners will learn about the water cycle and the history of the Pumphouse and Lake Pupuke. They will learn why conserving drinking water is important and how to do it. As part of this learning we will visit Lake Pupuke and have workshops with Watercare. We invite families to our STEM Open Afternoon in Week 8 on Friday 1st of December at 2pm, to help us celebrate our learning.

Ngā mihi
Tūi Teachers

TEAM KEY DATES:

- **Takapuna Library visit** - Week 3, Thursday 26th October - Tūi C, D, E
Week 4, Thursday 2nd November - Tūi A & B
- **Pumphouse Visit** - Week 4 - Tuesday 31st October
- **St Johns Responding to an Emergency** - Week 5
Monday 6th November Tūi A, B & C, Tuesday 7th November Tūi D & E
Learners will be asked to bring a gold coin donation.
- **Athletics Day** - Week 8 - Thursday 30th November
- **STEM Open Afternoon** - Week 8, Friday 1st December, 2pm

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Home Learning

Reading - 15+ mins daily

Some learners will bring home a reader from school. Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home. If you would like to know how to support your child further with home reading, please get in touch with their reading teacher. Finding books that your child enjoys reading can be a challenge. [Click here to explore Auckland Libraries books lists to engage children in reading.](#)

Maths

One way you can support your child's maths learning is by helping them to practise basic facts at home. Please reach out to your child's guardian class teacher if you would like ideas for how to support your child with this. [Click here for further ideas for maths you can do at home.](#)

Sample Tūi Timetable

	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
9-10AM	L I T E R A C Y TŪI A & B - WRITING - TŪI C, D, E - READING Collaborative grouping				Assembly <small>Even weeks</small> Maths <small>Odd Weeks</small>
10 - 11am	TŪI A & B - READING - TŪI C, D, E - WRITING Collaborative grouping				Library with guardian teacher
11 - 11:30am - M O R N I N G T E A					
11:30 - 1pm	Maths with guardian teacher	MUSIC with Vanessa	Swimming with guardian teacher	Swimming with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher
	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Visual Arts with guardian teacher
		1 - 1:50pm - L U N C H			
1:50 - 2:45pm	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Kapa haka Te Ao Māori	Handwriting
	Inquiry with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Athletics Collaborative with Tūi Team		Inquiry with guardian teacher

This is a sample of a Tūi classroom's timetable for the week. Please note that responsive teacher practice means there could be changes to what a class timetable looks like on a week to week basis.

Tūi Planning Overview

Writing	- Writing is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs. - Learners will be exposed to a range of genres				
Reading	Reading is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs.				
Mathematics Number	Addition and subtraction/ multiplication and division/ place value/ basic facts/ fractions				
Mathematics Inquiry	Position and Orientation	Algebra	Time	Fractions	Measurement benchmarks
Health & PE	- Swimming: building water confidence and water safety skills - Athletics: explore and practice a range of Athletics disciplines				
Inquiry	- Watercycle - STEM Launch	-Pumphouse & Lake Pupuke History - Drinking water and conservation			
Spelling	Phonological teaching of spelling rules and patterns, understanding of word meanings and how we can change them to make new words				
Handwriting	Learning to form letters correctly/ sloping letters / cursive				
Te Ao Māori	Understand that pepeha is a way to introduce yourself and is an acknowledgement of who you are and where you come from.				
The Arts	Describe patterns used in tukutuku panels, cross stitch a pattern and create a design which communicates personal meaning and create a digital poster to inform				

REMINDERS:

- **Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- **Hats** with a brim are compulsory for Term 4.
- **Top-up** happens around 10 am. Please send your child's top-up in a separate container or zip lock bag so that they can easily access it during the Literacy block.
- Learners can be at school from **8:30am**.
- Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices
- Any urgent messages during the day should be sent to the school office - office @tps.school.nz, as teachers are not checking emails during school time.

If you have any questions, please email or pop in and see us.

We encourage you to be proactive and make a time with us if you would like to know more about how your child is going at school.